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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ryan Gleitz

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2005.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27-43 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 27-43 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 June 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 42 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The specification does not describe a "READ ONLY" status or that it is determined for every user account whether the individual elements of the user interface have a status "READ ONLY" or not.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 27-34, 37, 38, 39, 41, and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oishi et al. (JP 2002-152446).

Oishi et al. disclose an operating unit for an electrophotographic printing or copying system, including a display part (15) or graphical user interface with at least one of input and output fields with help of which an operation of the electrophotographic printing or copying system occurs.

A menu is displayed based on menu display retrieved for that user according to the identified user, and permits the user to use only the functions included in the displayed menu

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(abstract, lines 7-9). This reads on a user account selectable from at least two preset user accounts and upon establishing or configuring a user account, input or output fields that can be displayed with the help of the user interface are activated or deactivated. Accordingly, with the help of the user accounts, different access rights to operating functions of the printing or copying system are obtained.

This is done for all users, that is, the fields are preset and assigned to every user account. See [0006].

Regarding claim 28, the procedure which displays a menu on a display means based on the menu discernment data for the users searched from the menu indicative data by the user name of the user who discriminated from the procedure of identifying the user of the image formation system (translation, paragraph [0038]), which reads on the setting concerns at least one of display, write authorization, language, activation, deactivation, and display manner of the at least one input and output field.

Regarding claims 29 and 30, figure 2 shows at least one of a name of a currently set user account and a name of a user associated with the user account is displayed in a section of the graphical user interface, wherein a name of a user is associated with at least one user account, whereby the selection of the user account occurs with aid of the user name.

Regarding claim 31, operating personnel at least one of inputs and selects the user name, whereby the operating personnel receives access to operating elements of the graphical user interface. See translation, paragraph [0019].

Regarding claims 32 and 33, the user must enter a password, as shown in figure 2, which reads on the user account is selectable after checking an authentication code.

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Regarding claim 34, more suitable management can be performed as each user receives function authorization (translation, paragraph [0040]), which reads on a preset authorization level is associated with the user account.

Regarding claim 37, figure 2 shows at least graphical function keys.

Regarding claims 38, 39, 41 and 43 the apparatus above also reads on a method of operating an electrophotographic printing or copying system.

Claims 27-41 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Katsuta (JP 06-130766).

Katsuta discloses an operating unit for an electrophotographic printing or copying system, including a graphical user interface shown in figure 5 with at least one of input and output fields with help of which an operation of the electrophotographic printing or copying system occurs.

A desired function is previously selected according to the level of the user (abstract, lines 4-5), which reads on a user account selectable from at least two preset user accounts and a setting of at least one of the input and output fields of the graphical user interface is adjusted for at least one user account.

Figure 2 shows how upon establishing or configuring a user account, possible input or output fields that can be displayed with the help of the user interface are activated or deactivated. This allows different access rights to operating functions of the printing or copying system to be obtained.

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Regarding claim 28, 30, 32, 33 and 34, the level of the user decides what functions are available and the unavailable functions are shown shaded out in figure 5, which reads on the setting concerns display, and depending on the authorization level associated with the user account, at least one of display fields and input fields are deactivated and shown in a low-contrast color. A user can be recognized from an inputted password (abstract, lines 6-9), which reads on a user name is associated with a preset user account type to generate a user account, whereby a preset authorization level is associated with the user account.

Regarding claims 29 and 31, figure 8 shows at least one of a name of a currently set user account and a name of a user associated with the user account is displayed in a section of the graphical user interface, which is inputted or selected by operating personnel.

Regarding claims 35, 36, and 38, figure 5 the fields are shown deactivated in a low-contrast color.

Regarding claim 37, figures 4-8 show input or output fields that are graphical function keys.

Regarding claim 38-41 and 43, the apparatus above also reads on a method of operating an electrophotographic printing or copying system.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO

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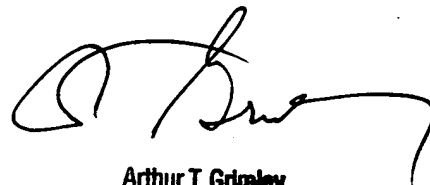
MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan Gleitz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2134. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 9:00AM and 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on (571) 272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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